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The references are listed on Applicants' Form PTO-1449, which is attached to this Information Disclosure Statement for the convenience of the Examiner. Applicants request consideration of each of the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, and that such consideration be indicated by initialing each citation thereon.

The documents listed were cited in a PCT International Search Report for International Application No. PCT/NL2005/000148, which corresponds to PCT Application No. WO 2005/083443 A3. Copies of the cited references should have been provided by the International Searching Authority. Upon receipt of a Notification of Acceptance of Application indicating what items have been received by the Patent and Trademark Office, Applicants will review the same to ensure that the references were provided.

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If the Examiner has any questions or comments relating to the present application, he or she is respectfully invited to contact Applicants' agent at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,

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